

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 416, nays 8, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 122]

YEAS—416

Ackerman	DeLauro	Jefferson
Aderholt	DeLay	Jenkins
Allen	DeMint	John
Andrews	Deutsch	Johnson (CT)
Archer	Diaz-Balart	Johnson, E. B.
Army	Dickey	Johnson, Sam
Baca	Dicks	Jones (NC)
Bachus	Dingell	Jones (OH)
Baird	Dixon	Kanjorski
Baker	Doggett	Kaptur
Baldacci	Dooley	Kasich
Baldwin	Doolittle	Kelly
Ballenger	Doyle	Kennedy
Barcia	Dreier	Kildee
Barr	Dunn	Kilpatrick
Barrett (NE)	Edwards	Kind (WI)
Barrett (WI)	Ehlers	King (NY)
Bartlett	Ehrlich	Kingston
Barton	Emerson	Klecza
Bass	Engel	Klink
Bateman	English	Knollenberg
Becerra	Eshoo	Kolbe
Bentsen	Etheridge	Kucinich
Bereuter	Evans	Kuykendall
Berkley	Everett	LaFalce
Berman	Ewing	LaHood
Berry	Farr	Lampson
Biggart	Fattah	Lantos
Bilbray	Filner	Largent
Billakis	Fletcher	Larson
Bishop	Foley	Latham
Blagojevich	Forbes	LaTourette
Bliley	Ford	Lazio
Blumenauer	Fossella	Leach
Blunt	FWler	Lee
Boehlert	Frank (MA)	Levin
Boehner	Franks (NJ)	Lewis (CA)
Bonilla	Frelinghuysen	Lewis (GA)
Bonior	Frost	Lewis (KY)
Bono	Gallely	Linder
Borski	Ganske	Lipinski
Boswell	Gejdenson	LoBiondo
Boucher	Gekas	Lofgren
Boyd	Gibbons	Lowey
Brady (PA)	Gilchrest	Lucas (KY)
Brady (TX)	Gillmor	Lucas (OK)
Brown (FL)	Gilman	Luther
Brown (OH)	Gonzalez	Maloney (CT)
Bryant	Goode	Maloney (NY)
Burr	Goodlatte	Manzullo
Burton	Goodling	Markey
Buyer	Gordon	Martinez
Callahan	Goss	Mascara
Calvert	Graham	Matsui
Camp	Granger	McCarthy (MO)
Campbell	Green (TX)	McCarthy (NY)
Canady	Green (WI)	McCollum
Cannon	Greenwood	McCrery
Capps	Gutierrez	McDermott
Capuano	Gutknecht	McGovern
Cardin	Hall (OH)	McHugh
Carson	Hall (TX)	McInnis
Castle	Hansen	McIntyre
Chabot	Hastings (FL)	McKeon
Chambliss	Hastings (WA)	McKinney
Chenoweth-Hage		McNulty
Clay	Hayworth	Meehan
Clayton	Hefley	Meek (FL)
Clement	Herger	Meeks (NY)
Clyburn	Hill (IN)	Menendez
Coble	Hill (MT)	Metcalfe
Coburn	Hilleary	Mica
Collins	Hilliard	Millender-
Combest	Hinchey	McDonald
Condit	Hinojosa	Miller (FL)
Conyers	Hobson	Miller, Gary
Cooksey	Hoeffel	Miller, George
Costello	Hoekstra	Minge
Cox	Holden	Mink
Coyne	Holt	Moore
Cramer	Hooley	Moran (KS)
Crane	Horn	Moran (VA)
Crowley	Hoyer	Morella
Cubin	Hulshof	Murtha
Cunningham	Hunter	Myrick
Danner	Hutchinson	Nadler
Davis (FL)	Inslee	Napolitano
Davis (IL)	Isakson	Neal
Davis (VA)	Istook	Nethercutt
Deal	Jackson (IL)	Ney
DeFazio	Jackson-Lee	Northup
Delahunt	(TX)	Norwood

Nussle	Ryun (KS)	Tauzin
Oberstar	Sabo	Taylor (MS)
Obey	Salmon	Taylor (NC)
Olver	Sanchez	Terry
Ortiz	Sanders	Thomas
Ose	Sandlin	Thompson (CA)
Owens	Sawyer	Thompson (MS)
Oxley	Saxton	Thornberry
Packard	Scarborough	Thune
Pallone	Schaffer	Thurman
Pascrell	Schakowsky	Tiahrt
Pastor	Scott	Tierney
Payne	Serrano	Towns
Pease	Sessions	Trafficant
Pelosi	Shadegg	Turner
Peterson (MN)	Shaw	Udall (CO)
Peterson (PA)	Shays	Udall (NM)
Petri	Sherman	Upton
Phelps	Sherwood	Velazquez
Pickering	Shimkus	Vento
Pickett	Shows	Visclosky
Pombo	Shuster	Vitter
Pomeroy	Simpson	Walden
Porter	Sisisky	Walsh
Portman	Skeen	Wamp
Price (NC)	Skelton	Waters
Pryce (OH)	Slaughter	Watkins
Quinn	Smith (MI)	Watt (NC)
Radanovich	Smith (NJ)	Watts (OK)
Rahall	Smith (TX)	Waxman
Ramstad	Smith (WA)	Weiner
Rangel	Snyder	Weldon (FL)
Regula	Souder	Weldon (PA)
Reyes	Spence	Weller
Reynolds	Spratt	Wexler
Riley	Stabenow	Weygand
Rivers	Stark	Whitfield
Rodriguez	Stearns	Wicker
Roemer	Stenholm	Wilson
Rogan	Strickland	Wise
Rogers	Stump	Wolf
Rohrabacher	Stupak	Woolsey
Ros-Lehtinen	Sununu	Wu
Rothman	Sweeney	Wynn
Roukema	Talent	Young (AK)
Roybal-Allard	Tancredo	Young (FL)
Rush	Tanner	
Ryan (WI)	Tauscher	

NAYS—8

Duncan	Pitts	Sensenbrenner
Hostettler	Royce	Toomey
Paul	Sanford	

NOT VOTING—10

Abercrombie	Gephardt	Moakley
Cook	Houghton	Mollohan
Cummings	Hyde	
DeGette	McIntosh	

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, this afternoon, I was unavoidably detained by a Hawaii Congressional delegation meeting with the Secretary of Interior, and I consequently was unable to vote on three recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: Rollcall 120, to pass H.R. 2328, to reauthorize the Clean Lakes Program—"yes"; rollcall 121, to pass H.R. 3039, Chesapeake Bay water restoration—"yes"; rollcall 122, to pass H.R. 2884, to extend the Strategic Petroleum Reserve program—"yes."

PROVIDING FOR ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE ON THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2000 OR FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2000 UNTIL TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2000; AND PROVIDING FOR RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE ON THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2000 OR FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2000 UNTIL TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2000

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res 330) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the concurrent resolution, as follows:

H. CON. RES. 303

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),* That when the House adjourns on the legislative day of Thursday, April 13, 2000, or Friday, April 14, 2000, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2, 2000, for morning-hour debate, or until noon on the second day after Members are notified to reassemble pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; and that when the Senate recesses or adjourns at the close of business on Thursday, April 13, 2000, or Friday, April 14, 2000, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand recessed or adjourned until noon on Tuesday, April 25, 2000, or such time on that day as may be specified by its Majority Leader or his designee in the motion to recess or adjourn, or until noon on the second day after Members are notified to reassemble pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first.

SEC. 2. The Speaker of the House and the Majority Leader of the Senate, acting jointly after consultation with the Minority Leader of the House and the Majority Leader of the Senate, shall notify the Members of the House and the Senate, respectively, to reassemble whenever, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3439, RADIO BROADCASTING PRESERVATION ACT OF 2000

Mr. LINDER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-575) on the resolution (H. Res. 472) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3439) to prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from establishing rules authorizing the operation of new, low power FM radio stations, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

#### REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4199, DATE CERTAIN TAX CODE REPLACEMENT ACT

Mr. LINDER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-576) on the resolution (H. Res. 473) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4199) to terminate the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, which was

referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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#### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1824

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 1824.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GUTKNECHT). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

#### ST. PETER'S MASS HOSTED BY REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. KLECZKA) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, today's mass at St. Peter's will be hosted by the Republican Conference. The homily will be given by the House Chaplain and he will speak in support of the H.R. 4199, to abolish the Tax Code by the year 2004. Does that sound ridiculous to my colleagues? It sure does to me as a Catholic Member of this House.

But let me review for my colleagues what transpired yesterday. There was a mass at St. Peter's hosted by the Republican National Committee to honor and to introduce the new chaplain of the House followed by a reception in the church basement.

We were told that all Members were invited to mass. But in reality, only 26 Republicans were given the invitation.

Mr. Speaker, masses have been conducted in this world by Catholic clergy for centuries; and never, never in my recollection have they been hosted by a political party.

I think it is wrong. I think it is misdirected. And I am told at the mass itself speaking to the congregation was the chairman of the Republican National Committee, Mr. Nicholson, and a former Member of this House who headed up the campaign committee.

I think the Republicans have gone too far this time. For those of my colleagues who do not know the background, the chaplain of the House announced he was retiring. The Speaker appointed a bipartisan Search Committee made up of nine Republicans and nine Democrats to find a new chaplain. They interviewed 37 clergymen, and they came up with the top choice of a Catholic priest.

But that was not to be. The Republicans would not stand still for a Catholic, the first in the history of this country to be chaplain of this House.

So they bypassed him for the man who came in number three. Then a big uproar occurred.

Catholics throughout the country were just totally up in arms, and they knew they were going to lose the Catholic vote this November. So what do they do? They bring a resolution to the floor praising the Catholic schools.

I am a product of that Catholic education. I do not need my Republican colleagues telling me how good the education is. They kept slipping with the Catholics. Then they found Cardinal O'Connor in New York. So one day we had a resolution to give him a gold medal and that still did not help the slippage with the Catholic vote.

So then the Speaker swallowed his pride and he himself appointed a Catholic priest from Chicago who was not interviewed by the committee but he was a Catholic, and he thought that would stop the hemorrhage of the loss of the Catholic vote; and everything was quiet for a couple weeks and we started to heal. And then, out of the blue, comes a mass at St. Peter's sponsored by the Republican National Committee.

Mr. Speaker, today the only word that my colleagues could come up with was this is "disgusting." The Catholic celebration of mass does not need promotion from my colleagues, guys. We go there voluntarily. If it was the Democratic party pulling this nonsense, I would be on this floor tonight.

When is this going to stop? Are they going to ridicule my entire religion? Have they bought into the notion from Bob Jones University that we are a cult, that the Pope is anti-Christ?

In the press reports today on this debacle, we are told by a spokesman for the Republican National Committee that he is sorry that some Democrats were finding fault with this event, with this "event."

The mastermind who they dusted off, a former ambassador to the Vatican, stated in this article, I have been to events sponsored by lots of organizations, including Democrats, and there has never been any problem.

Is this an event? Is this like a college football bowl game where there is a sponsor, the Rose Bowl is brought to us by Microsoft, today's mass is brought to us by some foundation?

Mr. Speaker, the Republicans in the House have gone over the line. I have asked the Catholic Bishop's Conference to review this matter. I believe that what they have done is turn this Catholic chaplain into a Republican poster-priest.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentle-

woman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. WOOLSEY addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

#### ANSWERS FROM NATIONAL READING PANEL ON AMERICAN CHILDREN'S READING LEVELS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Kentucky (Ms. NORTHUP) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. NORTHUP. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow is an important day for all of our schoolchildren and all of our children across this country.

When I came to Congress 3½ years ago, the rate of children that could not even read at basic level in our schools across this country was 40 percent. Forty percent of all schoolchildren in the fourth grade could not even read at basic levels.

Clearly, as we have poured resources, we have poured time and attention and research into making sure our children all learn to read, we were missing the mark with some our children.

I am sure all of us do not need to be reminded how important it is that children learn to read. They learn to read first in kindergarten and first grade so that they can go on about in fourth grade to other things: science, health, geography, social studies, all other subjects that require good reading skills.

We also know from research that if a child does not learn to read by the beginning of fourth grade, there is a very strong probability that that child will never learn to read at their capacity. Because, in those early years, children are at the stage of brain development where they can learn to read, learn to read quickly, and accurately, learn fluency, and learn to put what they see on the written page into understanding ideas and convert it and learn that information.

That is a time in their lives where they are particularly adept at that; and if they miss that opportunity, they are going to find it very difficult at any age and with any amount of work to learn to read at their capacity.

So it is a serious problem in this country that we confront today as so many of our children miss this time in their lives when they learn to read.

We know that everybody means for children to read, and we believe that all children can learn at a high level. And so, it was important that we ask the question, what are we doing that is not right? What are we missing? The questions that need to be answered are, how do children learn to read? At what age do children go through the stages of learning to read? We need to know at what time we need to intervene when children are not going through those stages and are not learning to read as we hope they will. And what kind of intervention works best?